

MESMERICA EXPECT A CIRCUS

lyrics and narrative



Based on the, still being written, novel *Brain Circus* by Danbert Nobacon, which, for reasons relating to, protecting intellectual property from prying corporate algorithms, only currently exists inside the authors head

1. EMERGENCY (Parts 1 and 2)

If human scholarship survives into the mid twenty first century, the more attentive historians will look at the calamitous 'Neoliberal era,' dating from the early 1970's through the 2020's, as being an experiment tested on a global scale, that had demonstrably and repeatedly proven over five decades to be a complete and utter failure.

Citing the fundamentally flawed ideology of 'free market' predatory capitalism, and its grandiose claims to be the best mechanism to address the world's problems, its actual applications in variant cultural forms, in real world situations across the planet, demonstrated across a broad range of indices, quite the opposite with its pervasive lack of regard for the future of the planet and most of its people. Characterized by the myopic hubris of its chief architects and proponents, the quintessential nature of the beast was its preeminent sociopathic mindset which, if left to its own devices, would have killed the habitable planet.

The question which puzzles the future historians is how and why did past generations allow predator capitalism to evolve to crisis point, from a generally repressive phenomenon to an outright existential danger of the first degree? Why was it not nipped in the bud? It seems our scholars, from the safe distance of an insulated future, are largely unaware of the manipulative power of the entrenched establishment. And especially so, regarding the power of corporate owned mainstream media with its daily 'shock and awe' bombardment of dominant narratives that both ignore or rubbish the science, at the same time as perpetrating tropes operating under the guise of 'common sense' to protect the machinations of 'the free market' from any serious analysis or question. Capitalism is killing our planet, literally, but all those presenters and pundits and talking heads on cable TV would be very quickly out of a job if they seriously questioned its continued existence as the predominant driving force in our society. In the parlance of the apologists for power, that this driving force is driving us to extinction is simply not 'newsworthy.'

For those of us living in the end-days of the neoliberal era, here and now, during the first Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, this future intellectual quandary is actually a life and death situation, because the outcome of a habitable future is not guaranteed, and at the time ow writing does not even look moderately likely. However, the total idiocy of the idea that 'the free market will save us' is suddenly writ large in the real time of the cracks and fissures exposed on a daily basis, of a system buckling under the colonial colossus of its own imperial weight.

We now have little choice but to confront the diminishing returns of the much-overlooked entrapment that our capitalist overlords have for decades foisted upon us. And as we reflect, from our digitally connected self-isolation, we become increasingly conscious of knowing that we have to evolve in the short span of this decade, whatever it takes to take out these suicide hijackers, who would otherwise pilot our planet to oblivion ...

—excerpted from *Weatherpeople Communique #1*, April 4th 2020



I CAN'T GET NO SATISFACTION
FROM THE MEANINGLESS DISTRACTION
THE DAILY VISS-IS-I-TUDES
OF CELEBRITY FAKE ATTITUDE
OF WHO IS NOT WEARING WHAT
AND WHO IS NOT DATING WHO
AND WHO IS IN AND WHO IS OUT
AND ALL THE OTHER CRAP WE GIVE TOO MUCH OF A SHIT ABOUT

COS A CENTURY OR MORE OF MARKETING
WHOLE INDUSTRIES BENT ON PERFECTING
WAYS OF PERCEPTION MANAGING
OF TRICKING OUR BRAINS INTO THINKING
THAT IT'S SOMEHOW MORE HUMAN
TO RESIGN OURSELVES TO THE END OF THE WORLD
THAN IT IS FOR US ... TO ENVISION
THE END OF CORPORATE CAPITALISM

Meanwhile ...
CLIMATE KNOWS NO BORDERS
CLIMATE KNOWS NO CREEDS
CLIMATE TOUCHES EVERYONE
AND CLIMATE NEVER SLEEPS
EMER-GEN-CEEY
EMER-GEN-CEEY

COS THE TRILLIONAIRES
WHO OWN THE BILLIONAIRES
WHO OWN THE MILLIONAIRES
AND ALL THEIR HEIRS
WHO OWN "ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT"
BY OWNING BY ENTERTAINMENT INC.
PROJECTING THE DOMINANT NARRATIVE
PROTECTING THE PRIVILEGE OF ALL OF THE ABOVE

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NOW WE CAN'T FAIL TO NOTICE IT
PLUS THE EVIDENCE OF ALL THE WORLD'S SCIENTISTS
WHILE MEDIA BARELY REGISTERS IT
THEY KNOW THERE'S NO MONEY IN IT
WE'RE DEEP IN THE WARMING WORLD ...SHIT!
KNEE DEEP IN THE WARMING WORLD ...SHIT!
WAIST DEEP IN THE WARMING WORLD ...SHIT!
NECK DEEP IN THE WARMING WORLD ...SHIT!

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EMERGENCY ... TOUCHING EVERYTHING
EMERGENCY ... TOUCHING EVERYONE
EMERGENCY ... TELLING IT LIKE IT IS
EMERGENCY ... CALL THEIR BULLSHIT

#EXXON KNEW
#SHELL KNEW TOO
SO DID THE REST OF THEM
AND WHAT DID THEY DO?

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CLIMATE CAN'T BE BRIBED
CLIMATE TAKES NO PRISONERS
AND CLIMATE NEVER LIES

THE FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE
THAT KEEPS US ALL LOCKED IN
CALL THIS ENTRAPOCRACY
CALL THIS BULLSHIT

THE MEDIA CARTEL'S CHIMERASELL,
SOMETHINGS GOTTA GIVE!
SHUT DOWN THIS ENTRAPOCRACY
CALL THEIR BULLSHIT

OUR UNREPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTATIVES
YOUR TIME IS UP!
SHUT DOWN THIS ENTRAPOCRACY
CALL THIS BULLSHIT

THESE SUICIDE-HIJACKERS
WHO ARE PILOTING OUR PLANET
SHUT DOWN THESE ENTRAPOCRATS
CALL THEIR BULLSHIT

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2. DRAGONS AND SCIENCE VERSUS THE CUCKOO POOP CLOWNS

“It’s a basic life lesson ... If your dog shits on the pavement it’s good community relations to clean it up. Even on Valentine’s Day. Especially on Valentine’s Day.”

—SISTA MG, “The Measury” February 14th 2020



THE MEASURY OF FELICITOUS DATA ODDCAST

ZARGASTERLEY: And now the latest installment of *The Measury of Felicitous Data Oddcast* with your hosts:

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Probber Brother Lee ... the High Priest of Scientific ... Probability ...
SISTA MG: Sista Mother G ... the Method Marvel of DEMON-strability

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MAKES A LITTLE BIT OF WIGGLE ROOM
AND IF WE ALL PULL TOGETHER
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PROBBER: Welcome to the Measury!

SISTA MG: Thank you for joining us. Our weekly address ...

PROBBER: Sista MG, in the 2020's the mainstream news media, is owned by just five corporations, and entertainment corporations at that.

SISTA MG: Probber Brother Lee, the closer a news story gets to critically examining corporate power, the increasing steepness of the probability curve, that the story will never see the light of day, and that the crucial questions will never be asked.

PROBBER: Mmmm! Discuss?



MOUNTEBANK CUCKOO BIRD

An indolent Mountebank Cuckoo bird perches
on one of the Three branches ...
preening itself ...
Tweet! Tweet! ...
Sucking all the oxygen out of the atmosphere ...
Tweet! Tweet! ...
And pooping.
Sending unseen armies of Dung Beetles scurrying ...

falling over themselves, to examine the droppings ...
and then like fish choking on plastic bags
Gorging themselves and regurgitating the blowout of logorrhea.
And in so doing ...
creating a false equivalency ...
between Facts ... and ... Lies



BAD CLOWN CREEPY

MOMMY: Annabel darling I don't think this is something you should be worrying about.
ANNABEL: Yeh but, but If he doing bad things ... if he gets poison in you ... in your nose ... and then we might die.
MOMMY: Well that's something for us grown ups to worry about.
ANNABEL: Yeh but mommy. At nursery, Michael ... he's a boy ... he live nearby ... he say Trumpy, I know we're not supposed to say the T-word. but Michael said it that T-man like a' Action Man
MOMMY: Action Man? ...
ANNABEL: It like a doll ... a man doll ... for boys ... but Action Man got chin pie, like your boyfriend mommy.
MOMMY: (*flustered*) Oh well I—, yes. I—.
ANNABEL: Yeh ... but he not like Action Man ... but I think ... I think ... he like (*pregnant pause*) Bad Clown Creepy. Yeh.
MOMMY: Mad Clown Creepy?
ANNABEL: No. BAAAD Clown Creepy.
MOMMY: Oh darling have you been having bad night dreams again ...
ANNABEL: No mommy. Cos I see'd him. I see'd him in the day, cos I see'd him in my mommy's computer. But I run fast. I escaped him ... but then I see'd him your phone mommy and he was in there ... he everywhere.
MOMMY: Well darling try not to think about him just. Think about finishing your vegetables for mommy, if you want to have time for a story before bed.
ANNABEL: Oh Yeh yeh... if ... if you don't eat all your... your 'edgetables, he try and get you ... Yeh. And if he don't like people ... he drop a bomb on them and make them dead ... yeh.
MOMMY: Bad Clown Creepy. Oh darling. It is enough to give me nightmares never mind you.
ANNABEL: It's okay mommy. I got dragons in my brain and they will fight him and make him go away.



3. BUILDING A WALL

Meanwhile, Verviella became very animated, her arms flailing like a boxer, speaking to the group but like she was ready to take on the whole world. “It is a fuckeeng Wall ... To keep the rising ocean out. And we’re fuckeeng entrapped ... like laboratory rats. Or drowning rats eef you are on the other side.”

The study group were debating the newly opened New York *Embankment* that encircled Manhattan. Mezzula had felt compelled to reply. “You mean like it’s just the latest in a long line of land grabs demanded of government by the corporate sector, with the intention of keeping Neoliberalism ... er’ the whole—’ ... oh ... I see what you’re saying ... like we are living in an—maybe there’s a word ... er’ like an *entrapocracy*.” He was making shit up, flying by his non-existent coattails, and instantly realized he was still being too wordy ... too intellectual. Verviella scowled. “Entwapawhat?” Oh-oh! History Boy iz going off again with the beeg words,” she spat, this time directly addressing Mezzula.

Her likeness appeared in his front brain now as he sat alone in his apartment, trying to make sense of his study notes. Re-living the moment. The way she had leaned toward him and tilted her head for emphasis, her eyes widening as she stared him down in order to shut him up.

She was so right though. And her parents had come from Chile where the whole Neoliberal experiment began. His mind was racing again. The number, or the name of the beast in this case, sounded so clinical, so intellectually jargonistic, making the term problematic in that it flies over the heads of most of the people whose lives are directly affected by it. That’s precisely why he intuited the need for a new frame of reference, and the word ‘entrapocracy’ seemed to fit the bill, because it is intimately inclusive of the mass of people who are manipulated by neoliberalism, ie we the people, the 99%, the mass of contradictions who, by design, are entrapped by it.

— from *Brain Circus* Chapter Two

LADIES AND GENTELMEN ... WELCOME, WILKOMMEN
SO HERE’S A THING. ... WE GOT A SITUATION

WHEN EL PRESIDENTE ... STARTS TO SING
THE PRAISES OF ... DIVINE KINGS

SON-OF-A
DIS-CIP-LIIN-AR-IAN
WHITE GUY ARYAN
AUTH-ORI-TAR-IAN
FACISM BY ANY OTHER NAME

PRECIPITOUSLY DANGEROUS ... AS THE BUMPER STICKER SAYS ...
ELECT A CLOWN ... EXPECT A CIRCUS
ELECT A CLOWN ... EXPECT A CIRCUS

OOOO HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

THE RETURN OF THE LAUGHING POLICEMAN
ARMED WITH ALL THE WHERWITHAL IN ALL THE WORLD

BUILDING A WALL, BUILDING A WALL
BUILDING A WALL, TO KEEP HISTORY OUT
AGAINST THE NOTION OF A NATION BUILT ON IMMIGRATION
THEY'RE BUILDING A WALL

BUILDING A WALL, BUILDING A WALL
BUILDING A WALL TO KEEP THE FUTURE OUT
USING FEAR TO SHUT OUT HUMANITY
BY BUILDING A WALL,

SO HERE'S THE THING ... THIS IS HOW IT ALL BEGINS

BY INCITING RACIAL TENSIONS, IMMIGRANT DETENTIONS
FAMILIES SEPARATIONS, CHILD INTERROGATIONS
RIGHT HERE IN WASHINGTON, A MILE OUTTA DOWNTOWN TACOMA
MANUFACTURING CONSENT WITH SIX OF SAND. ONE OF CEMENT

FIRST THEY COME FOR THE MIGRANTS, WHO ARE FORCED TO FLEE
NEXT THEY COME THE DISPOSSESSED, AND THE CLIMATE REFUGEES
NEXT UP TROUBLEMAKERS! AGITANTS! AND MISCREANTS!
AND IF YOU HAVE A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE THEN THEY'LL COME FOR YOU AND ME

WATCH OUT FOR THE TEAR GAS! WATCH OUT FOR THE BILLY CLUBS
WATCH OUT FOR THE COPS WHO'S ORDERS ARE TO SHOOT FIRST

BUILDING A WALL, BUILDING A WALL

BUILDING A WALL BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY CAN
AND THEY'LL CARRY ON AS LONG AS WE LET THEM
BUILD THEIR WALL

BUILDING A WALL, BUILDING A WALL
BUILDING A WALL COS WEALTH IS UNDER SIEGE
DOWN AT THE END OF WALL STREET
DOWN AT THE END OF WALL STREET ...
DOWN AT THE END OF WALL STREET ...
THEY'RE BUILDING A WALL

(NOT NOW NOT EVER)

NOT BIG, NOT CLEVER?
NOT NOW, NOT EVER?

COS WE'RE ALL IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT FREAKS AND PUNKS
IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT BEAUTIFUL PUNKS
IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT ROMANTIC PUNKS
IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT ARTFUL PUNKS
IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT SEXY PUNKS
IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT CLEVER PUNKS
IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT RESOURCEFUL PUNKS
IMMIGRANT, IMMIGRANT HUMAN PUNKS

NOT BIG, NOT CLEVER A WALL? ... LET'S JUST SAY
NOT NOW, NOT EVER, A WALL? ... NO WAY
NOT BIG, NOT CLEVER A WALL? ... LET'S JUST SAY
NOT NOW, NOT EVER, A WALL? ... NO WAY.

4. DOOMSDAY SAVINGS AND WHY THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION HATES SPELLING BEE

The Heritage Foundation? ... Yeh one of the most powerful political organizations you never heard of. It is a conservative right wing free market fundamentalist think tank outta D.C. ... which means it keeps power on message in legislating in favor of predator capitalism, that is capitalism free from state intervention and government regulation, free to do whatever the f**k it likes with no repercussions.

And guess what? It is a charitable tax-free organization funded by billionaires and corporations to advance agendas beneficial to those donors. For example, it is a climate change denial organization and it is funded not least by dark money from Exxon Mobil and the Koch Brothers

It was founded in 1973 emerging out of the new business activist movement inspired by the Powell Memorandum and not least, fears that President Nixon was too becoming too liberal. It has a goal of influencing government policy decisions, based on all of the above, by cultivating special access to Republican administrations since Reagan and pushing Neoliberal Democratic presidents to the right.

For example, by successfully championing the “Health Insurance Mandate” as part of Obamacare, it ensured that employers or individuals are mandated to take out private health insurance, over anything resembling moves towards a public option. It was an early supporter of Trump in 2016, before he got elected, and has been influential in recommending his cabinet picks and we all know how disastrous they are. And, during the 2020 Democratic primaries it has been obsessed with red scare tactics, circulating ads on Facebook for inanely titled downloadable pamphlets like the idiot-researched, “9 Ways Socialism Will Morally Bankrupt America.” ...

What more do you need to know? Well Look it up!”

—PROBBER BROTHER LEE, from an interview with ‘Progressive Talk,’ December 2019



DOOMSDAY SAVINGS

PHIL: Yeh! So where do the goalposts go? ... This can’ be right ... it’s all on a slant

RON: Here let me look at the plans.... no see. it’s further that way ... over to the right ...

PHIL: Looks like a slippery slope to me You’re not telling me this is up to CODE?

RON: Nah. Special dispensation. Code doesn’t come into it.

PHIL: Meaning?

RON: Well let’s just say in a case like this they can bend the rules a bit.

PHIL: Seems like they're pushing it to me ...
RON: Maybe? *(laughing)* Like how far can we move the goalposts before we're off the edge of the map?
PHIL: Must be all the way over to the right then?
RON: Yeh! Wait a minute though?
PHIL: What? ... Is it time for lunch yet
RON: No. It's sixty two of thirteen
PHIL: What? We're on a 24hour clock or something now?
RON: Nah. It's new ... midnight session ... some rider attached to a bill ...
PHIL: What you talking about ...
RON: They fixed it.
PHIL: Fixed it how?
RON: Well it goes up to thirteen now.
PHIL: How can it go up to thirteen?
RON: Well it just does ... I mean how did it go up to twelve before. It's just going the extra mile.
PHIL: Is it Daylight Savings?
RON: No, it's for Doomsday Savings You see this way we don't have to fuss and fret about getting too close to midnight, cos we have a like a whole extra hour now on top of the minutes.
PHIL: Well that's good then. I suppose?



CARROT AND STICK

Carrot and stick
Trickledown, Trick
Carrot and stick
Tricky tricky trick
Cos where does all the money go
Up up up and away and away
So we don't got nothing, for a rainy day



CONNECTED TO THE THINK TANK

MELANIE:
The pipeline connected to the Big Bank ...
The Big Bank connected to the Billionaire ...
The Billionaire connected to the think Tank ...
The Think Tank connected to the business association ...
The business association connected to the politician ...

The politician connected to the lobbyist ...
The lobbyist connected to the PR strategist ...
The PR strategist connected to the fake front group ...
The fake front group connected to ... Media Care For ... All ...
Media Care for ... All! ...
Keeping America safe from radical ideas ...
Now Hear the Word of the ... Corp

GRUSHA: (*in Russian*) And since when has America been shy about interfering in foreign elections



DISINTERMEDIATION

SURIANE: Hi

ZARGASTERLY: Welcome back Suriane ... And to go through to the next round your word is Disintermediation ...

SURIANE: Disintermediation. D-I-S ... I-N-T-E-R ... M-E-D ... I-A ... T-I-O-N.
Disintermediation!

ZARGASTERLEY: Correct! Suriane, you wouldn't happen to know the definition?

SURIANE: Yes. Meaning to cut out the middle man. Meaning like the private health insurance industry's greatest fear.

ZARGASTERLEY: There you have it folks. Without hesitation. Suriane. That puts you in the final play off.

5. CRAZY DEMONS PLAY

The emerging study of human play and art, from the perspective of their respective evolutionary and biological origins—and the possible adaptive-ness thereof—strongly suggests that the development of an onboard bullshit detector was and remains crucial to our survival as a highly social species. As children, if we grew up in relatively safe environments, we played, unsupervised every chance we got, instinctively amassing life skills as we went. Though many of us have forgotten conscious memories of much of our childhoods, by the ages of five or six we engaged in making up and acting out full blown crazy theatrical scenarios with our peers, which by default helped us learn how to become social beings, and navigate life as *Homo sapiens*.

Continuing through adolescence and into adulthood, make-belief and stories full of conflict, trouble, sex, violence, and intrigue as expressed through art—if the tales are told well—continue to grab and hold our attention. In terms of evolution, our species-wide survival abilities (selected for over millennia) include the participation in, and processing of fictions, which inform our own instinctive leanings today to seek out such playful exercise on a daily basis, being as it is every bit as essential for our own developing brains, as food and water is for our bodies. In other words, play, and its more adult elaborations into stories, theatre and art, help sharpen our wits, which in turn serve as the key flexible response tools we need for healthy survival in the very social real world.

—From the introduction to *A Beginners Guide to Play* by Fay Delaflor, Professor of Play at Columbia University (publication date April 2024)

WE DON'T REE-MEMBER, RUNNING 'ROUND LIKE CRAZY DEMONS,
WHEN WE WERE FIVE OR SIX YEARS OLD, WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD
MAKING UP MAKE BELIEF, CRAZY BATSHIT SCENARIOS, WITH OUR PLAYMATES
WITH A FIRE IN OUR SOULS, GOING OUT ON A LIMB

TAPPING INTO AN ENERGY, THAT'S OLDER THAN HISTORY
GIVEN HALF A CHANCE ... WE PLAY

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE DID IT, AS A KID, AT SOME POINT CARRYING ON
DEFYING FORCES, WHO ONLY EVER WANT MORE OBEDIENT WORKERS,
COS A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, WEDDED TO VESTED INTERESTS
CAN'T IMAGINE ANYTHING ELSE, OR ANY OTHER WAY
AND LEAST OF ALL PLAY

SO WE TAP INTO AN ENERGY, THAT'S OLDER THAN HISTORY
GIVEN HALF A CHANCE ... WE PLAY

GOING EVEN FURTHER BACK ... WAY BACK, INTO THE PALEOLOGICAL RECORD
THE STORY OF EVOLVING PLAYERS, AND OF THE STORY TELLING ANIMAL ...
THAT'S US

PULLING ALL KINDS OF CRAZY SHIT, FINDING OUT BY DOING IT AND ENJOYING IT
AND SHARING IT AND PUSHING IT, AND LOVING IT, AND ALL THE WHILE
LAUGHING AT THE RISK

FOR ITS OWN SAKE, COS IT FEELS GOOD, THE ENDORPHIN RUSH
COS ITS NATURE'S WAY OF SHARPENING OUR WITS

BY TAPPING INTO AN ENERGY, THAT'S OLDER THAN HISTORY
GIVEN HALF A CHANCE ... WE PLAY

LOOSENING THE CREATIVE SPARK, THE MOTHER OF THE MOTHER OF INVENTION
PLAY AND ITS ELABORATIONS WE CALL ... ART

IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY, SOMEWHERE IN NEURO CIRCUIT CITY
CRAZY DEMONS ... WIRED, ON ORGANIC ELECTRICITY
COMING UP WITH CRAZY IDEAS, STUMBLING UPON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
AND TESTING THEM OUT, SOME OF WHICH JUST MIGHT WORK
AND SHARING THE RESULTS
AND IF WE'RE EVER GONNA SAVE THE DAY
WE'LL NEVER EVER, EVER DO IT WITHOUT ... PLAY ... PLAY ... PLAY

6. CITIZENS UNITSURPED

Special agents Wade and Ross were back in the bunker, sub-contracted by government to unscramble and then decipher a “mix tape” of encrypted audio files confiscated from a computer, seized from a very recently abandoned safe house of a suspected domestic terrorist cell. The audio files hailing from the late twenty teens and early twenty twenties, were collated and sent to a mystery recipient during the second Covid-19 pandemic. They had come under scrutiny more recently, as probable evidence of what the Senator from Kentucky calls “the sinister and destructive forces working from within to unravel the fabric of American democracy.” In launching the *War on the Enemy Within* (WOTEW), with little or no basis in actual fact, the Senator telescoped the threat to national security posed by “socialist left-wing propaganda and art, acting as a gateway drug to bomb throwing anarchism.”

The audio files themselves appeared as a bizarre mish mash collection of punk rock songs, nursery rhymes and podcast excerpts along with unauthorized recordings—leaked by an unknown whistleblower—from inside the Smart World Corporation’s highly protected and secretive Smartbot program.

— from *Brain Circus* Chapter Three

SOCK MONKEY RANTING

WADE: So what’s your first impression?

ROSS: Well ... sounds like a load of sock-monkey ranting to me. I mean, why draw attention ... with all this ... this ... shit-in-the mouth-of-state business?

WADE: Well yeh. Not my cup of tea, but maybe the coded message is in the artistry of it all

ROSS: You think this is art?

WADE: Ross, you just don’t know anything about art?

Ross: I— (*momentarily upset*) Well a catchy tune or two ... maybe? ... Makes it kind of like an audio version of what ... like the smiley face and the frowny face

WADE: Like I said ... You mean the masks of comedy and tragedy?

ROSS: Yeeeh that! Yeh. But then again maybe there’s no mystery at all and it’s ... it’s just like a mix tape. Some agitators’ idea of a love letter?

WADE: Yes it’s all going to the same target darkbox, but why the Gordian knot encryption. Why go to all that trouble?



TESTING THEORIES OF AMERICAN POLITICS

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Sista MG. You have a proposition for us?

SISTA MG: Yes Probber Brother Lee. Exhibit A. In a study entitled *"Testing Theories of American Politics"* Gilens and Page found that:

PROBBER: *"When the preferences of economic elites and the stands of organized interest groups are controlled for, the preferences of the average American appear to have only a minuscule, near-zero, statistically non-significant impact upon public policy ... When a majority of citizens disagrees with economic elites or with organized interests, they generally lose."*

SISTA MG: Gilens and Page published their results in 2014 ie a full two years before you know who,

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: And four years *after* the coup d'etat in the Supreme Court, where the duplicitously named and plainly fraudulent Citizens United ruling of 2010, opened the floodgates to unregulated big money in politics, but Gilens and Page's research was based on studies that went back to the early 1980's

SISTA MG: Rewind! Rewind ... And we have to go even further back, to the early 1970's, ...

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: *To* around the same time that Big Fossil Fuel began to get serious about Climate Change ... Denial ...



PERP WAR

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7. PRECARIOUS CHAIR

“At places like Davos, people like to tell success stories. But their financial success has come with an unthinkable price tag. And on climate change, we have to acknowledge we have failed. All political movements in their present form have done so, and the media has failed to create broad public awareness ...

According to the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), we are less than 12 years away from not being able to undo our mistakes ... Adults keep saying: “We owe it to the young people to give them hope.” But I don’t want your hope. I don’t want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act ... I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is!”

—Greta Thunberg, excerpted from a speech to Davos World Economic Forum, January 2019

STANDING ON A CHAIR, A PRECARIOUS CHAIR

WE’RE AT THE END OF A VERY SHORT ROPE

WE DON’T WANT YOUR THOUGHTS, OR YOUR PRAYERS, OR YOUR HOPES

WE WANT YOU TO ACT LIKE THE HOUSE IS ON FIRE

COS IT IS ... COS IT IS ...

HELP! HELP! THE WORLD IS ON FIRE

COS IT IS ... COS IT IS ...

HELP! HELP! THE WORLD IS ON FIRE

AND WE NEED A WORLD OF HELPERS

TO HELP US DOWN FROM HERE

8. THE 28th AMENDMENT BECAUSE WHY?

Nor, is ‘the war on critical thinking’ limited to the more right-wing elements of the mainstream media, as the New York Times and Washington Post perform similar functions in protecting the corporate-government Wall Street consensus from truly dissenting voices. By serving up their more nuanced versions of events with a glossy ‘liberal’ bias, they succeed in patronizing the longer attention span of the well-to-do sub-urban boomer generation, whilst doing nothing to seriously question the primacy of the US form of oligarchy. This includes, and perhaps especially so, oligarchs in the form of the owners of said news organs. Contrary to their grandiloquent

claims otherwise, the editorial thrust of these self-appointed guardians of democracy, surreptitiously and repeatedly aims kicks at the already unconscious body of democracy when it is down.

—Edward Zargasterly Jones, The Mystery Motel radio show May 21st 2020.

ZARGASTERLEY: The Mystery Motel Radio Show! Proud supporter of the 28th Amendment.
MAXINE WATSON: Mmm! Yes. For the separation of state and corporation.

DOWN AT THE MYSTERY MOTEL
DOWN AT THE MYSTERY MOTEL
WELL, WELL, WELL ...
LOOK WHO'S CHECKED IN AT THE MYSTERY MOTEL



SHAGGY DOG ... SEXY WIFE

WE WORK IT. WORK IT
WE WORK IT. WORK IT

SUNNY DAYS ... HAPPY FAMILIES ... SMILING FRIENDS ... AND NEIGHBOURS
A MONTAGE ... OF THE IMAGINED FRUITS OF LABOR ...
BIG SHAGGY DOG ... SPACIOUS HOUSE ... KIDS PLAYING HIDE AND GO SEEK ...
OUT BACK ...SHINY CAR ... SEXY WIFE ...
SERVING DRINKS ... WITH A PERKY ... SOUNDTRACK

WE WORK IT. WORK IT
WE WORK IT. WORK IT

ENDLESS ECONOMIC GROWTH
BRINGING UNTOLD BENEFIT TO ALL
LIKE IT ALWAYS HAS, LIKE IT ALWAYS WILL
SOLVING EVERYONE'S PROBLEMS, ALL AT ONCE

WE WORK IT. WORK IT

Gretchen (*in German*) Giving Clowns A Bad Name

9. CORPRAGEDDON

VERVIELLA: “I fuckeeng hate it. Like when I am checking my online banking and I have no money and they still have charged me the fees while the stupid fuckeeng bank website is some smiling creeper telling me they are my BFFLF.”

INTERVIEWER: “BFFL—?”

VERVIELLA: “Best friend forever like fuck!”

—Verviella Rockerbie from an interview with ‘Fucqueen’ on Verbal Burlesque TV, May 2022

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILTY ... YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP
BUT SOME STUPIDLY RICH, RICH FOLKS DID, AS ANOTHER WAY OF CLEANING UP
FAIRY TALES OF ENDLESS ECONOMIC GROWTH APPROVED BY A THINK *irony* TANK
AN AD DESIGNED TO MAKE THE CUSTOMER FEEL HIS NEW BEST FRIEND IS A BANK

THEY'RE ACTORS ... FOR CRYING OUT LOUD ... JUST TRYING TO MAKE AN HONEST LIVING
JEEZUS! EVEN THE DOG IS AN ACTOR, GIVE A DOG A BONE FOR NOT PISSING
UNREADABLE SMALL PRINT TELLING US NOTHING ABOUT WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE PIPE
BIG BANKS INVESTING IN SAID PIPELINE GIVING CARBON ANOTHER GREEN LIGHT

AND IT DOES NOT REVEAL THE CALLOUS MEANNESS, THE BULLYING, OR THE THREATS,
THAT COME AS STANDARD WITH THE EXTORTION AND THE LIFETIME OF DEBT.
SO NO MATTER HOW MUCH CHUMP CHANGE IT SPENDS, ON PRETENDING TO BE OUR FRIEND
THE CORPORATION IS NOT OUR FRIEND ... AND IT WILL NEVER BE OUR FRIEND

AN INANIMATE ENTITY, WITH NO SENSE OF EMPATHY, OBLIVIOUS TO ALL OTHER
EXTERNALITIES
BEYOND SHAREHOLDER WEALTH MAXIMIZATION AND RUTHLESSLY REWARDING ITS C.E.jOkers
SO LIFE AND LIBERTY ... THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ... TRANSLATES AS MEANINGLESS ... FOR
THE REST OF US
BY EXTRA-ORDINARILY RENDERERING US AS POTENTIAL, PROBABLE COLLATERAL DAMAGE

CORPORATE LAWYERS GENERATING LOOPHOLES ... ON AN INDUSTRIAL SCALE
COS THERE AIN'T NO BUSINESS LIKE BAD CLOWN BUSINESS LIKE BUSINESS AS USUAL
AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT BENDS OVER BACKWARDS, PRETENDING TO BE OUR FRIEND
IT'S NOT A REAL PERSON IN ANY REAL SENSE AND IT WILL NEVER BE OUR FRIEND

IF THE CORPORATION WERE A PERSON ... WE'D SLAP ITS ASS IN JAIL, AND THROW AWAY THE
KEY
FOR DAYLIGHT ROBBERY, CRIMES AGAINST THE PLANET AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY,
FOR THROWING CAUTION TO THE WIND AND OIL ON THE FIRE, FOR MORTGAGING OUR
FUTURE FOR A FEW DOLLARS MORE
FOR RANDOMLY POISONING EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES AND SADDLING US ALL WITH THE BILL

ARE WE FEELING IT YET? ARE WE FEELING IT YET?
ARE WE FEE-FIE-FO-FUM FEELING IT?
ARE WE FEELING IT YET? ARE WE FEELING IT YET?
ARE WE FATHER-MUCKING, MOTHER-GUTTING FEELING IT YET?
ARE WE FEELING IT YET? ARE WE FEELING IT YET?
ARE WE UNFRIENDING IT AND DIS-MEMBERING YET?
ARE WE FEELING IT YET? ARE WE FEELING IT YET?
OR WILL THE BANK FORECLOSE ON OUR FINAL BREATH

10. CIGARETTE BREAK ... CALL OOBER

“The free market would monetize and sell you your last dying breath if it could. Oh! it already is! Cos the empire of fossil fuel, has had us over a barrel for over a century with regard to what choices we have to power our homes and cars, and it has never contributed one cent to the clean-up ... not one cent towards the clean-up of the products it fights tooth and nail—aided and abetted by government subsidies, tax breaks and bail-outs—to keep us all hooked on. And those waste products are the escalating and cumulatively fatal greenhouse gas emissions that are heating up the planet towards the point of no return.”

—SISTA MG, from an interview by in ‘Progressive Talk’ December 2021

CORPORATIONS EUWW!

Corportions Oo-Oo
Corporation Oo-Oo Ooooooooooooo
Corporations uber alles ...
Corporations uber alles ...
Corporations uber alles ...
You couldn't make it up



ILL EAGLE

ANNABEL: Well you know about Bad Clown Creepy. I know, I know we not got to talk about him.

MOMMY: I do wish you would you wouldn't call him that.

ANNABEL: Yeh but at nursery. Well Jennifer. She a girl. And she my friend. And she say he an *ill* eagle.

MOMMY: Yes well lot's of things he's doing *are* illegal.

ANNABEL: No but— well Jennifer's daddy. She got a daddy. Her daddy a law man.

MOMMY: You mean like a policeman?

ANNABEL: No mommy. Like a law man, He know things. And he say Bad Clown Creepy a very ill eagle. You know like when a ... when a bald eagle is poorly in it's tummy. It an ill eagle.

MOMMY: Oh, I see but I don't thi—.

ANNABEL: Yeh but Bad Clown Creepy ... he *not* got an ill eagle in his tummy mommy. No. He got an ill eagle in his brain. And it pecking ... it pecking inside his brain, so when he use his words ... it comes out like a fib. A big lot of fibs. Cos you know ... well Bad Clown Creepy ... he a very big fibber mommy.

MOMMY: Well she's not wrong.



ROBBER BARON BRAND CIGARETTES

MELANIE GOOGELLE

As the noose tightens around your neck ...

Just before you take your ... dying breath ...

Finally ... they got you your final request ...

Only the best ... a robber baron brand cigarette

GABRIELLA GASPARA:

Robber Baron Brand™ ... Does the opposite of what it says on the can.



11. MESMERICA

Mesmerica ~ originating in reference to the United States of America in the early decades of the twenty first century, when the ruling oligarchies which ran the now crumbling empire—not least by owning the mainstream media—employed the pundit elites to cast ‘we the people’ in the role of the deer caught in the headlights ... as if mesmerized or hypnotized and unable to shake the collective self from the spell of endless economic growth, even whilst literally staring the Climate Emergency in the face ... a manufactured but existing state of mass delusion

orig. a portmanteau of 'mesmerize' after Franz Friedrich Anton Mesmer, and 'America' after Amerigo Vespucci.

—Wordell’s Dictionary - 2021

MES-MERICA ... MM-MM MESM-MER-RICA,
ONLY IN MESMERICA
DON’T YOU GO MESSIN WITH MESMERICA
DON’T ASK WHAT MES-MERICA ... CAN DO FOR YOU
(MORE TO THE) POINT) IS, WHAT ARE *YOU* GONNA DO?
DO-DO-DO-DO-DO DO MORE WITH LESS
(AND FOR LESS) PAY, BUY HEY IT’S OKAY
JUST DON’T GO MESSIN WITH THE BEST

THERE’S A BUCKETFUL OF MONEY TO BE MADE, IN MESMERICA
BUT NOT BY ME, AND CERTAINLY... NOT BY YOU
BUT IT’S GOOD, BUCKLE UP BUCKLE DOWN
IT’S OKAY, WE CAN BASK IN THE GLOW
RAINING DOWN ON ME, RAINING DOWN ON YOU
WELL NOT REALLY, BUT IT SURE FEEL LIKE IT DO,
COS MES-MERICA MEANS EXCEPTIONAL
LIVING THE DREAM IN THIS MM-MM-MM-MM- MOKCRACY

THERE’LL BE BLOOD ... BUT IT’S ALL GOOD
ELEVATOR GOING UP
OOPS NOT INVITED ... BUT IT’S OKAY
COS A MAN CAN DREAM ... THE MESMER-ICAN DREAM

STACEY SINGER: Don't you think that's kind of the problem?

FRANK LEE: What Problem?

STACEY SINGER: Like a man can dream the dream but a woman's not supposed to?

FRANK LEE: Oh that? Oh yeh I suppose?

STACEY SINGER: You suppose?

FRANK LEE: Well don't look at me. I didn't invent it

STACEY SINGER: But you play along with it

FRANK LEE: Honey ... now Honey come on now ...*(whistling)*

STACEY SINGER: Yeah! You can whistle for it!

SPECTACULOUS, MES-MIRACULOUS

MAL-FEAS-I-CULOUS, RAZZLE DAZZLE US, SLAP HAPPINESS

THERE'LL BE BLOOD ... BUT IT'S ALL GOOD

AH THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BEFORE I-TUNES THERE WAS SHOW TUNES OH YEH

THE STARS OF SCREEN AND STAGE WERE ALL THE RAGE

(GIVE ME THAT)

SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY SHOW TUNE

FOR A SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY SHOE IN

A SHOOBY DOOBY GOODY TWO SHOES

TO BE SHOOBY DOOBY GOOD TO BE TRUE (x2)

SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY DOO WHAT YOU GONNA DO?

SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY DOO ... MESMERICA

SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY DOO WHAT YOU GONNA DO?

SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY DOO ... MESMERICA

(GOTTA BE THAT)

SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY SHOW TUNE

FOR A SHOOBY DOOBY DOOBY SHOE IN

A SHOOBY DOOBY GOODY TWO SHOES

TO BE SHOOBY DOOBY GOOD TO BE TRUE

WHAT YOU GONNA DO?

WHAT YOU GONNA DO?

WHAT YOU GONNA DO?

12. VOODOONOMICS AND FOCK FUX NEWS

PHIL THE JANITOR: Yeh like when was the last time you saw a poor person or a homeless person interviewed on cable TV? They have no idea. No idea.

MAXINE WATSON: Exactly! So, instead you have Trump surging in the polls during the pandemic and Joe Biden becoming the Democrats alleged secret weapon after South Carolina? How is any of this even remotely possible? It's called manufacturing consent.

Well, since Ronald Reagan, at least, US presidential elections have been reduced to a personality contest ... that is having little to do with the policies of a candidate and more to do with their name/brand recognition ... and that is how Wall Street and the corporate owned media like it, cos they can shoo in whoever gets the best TV ratings ... and in this respect Trump's daily Covid briefings ... ie two hours of free publicity, are not a good sign.

By contrast, because Bernie is either ignored or generally receives negative press, he does not have as high a profile as Biden, who (despite his incompetence regarding Covid-19 and most other policy issues) still has the higher media rating. Of course, for this theory to hold water it would mean that large sections of the population would have to be manipulated, or in industry-speak, have their 'perceptions managed,' and most people would deny that they were victim to such manipulation ... but in US presidential elections the Wall Street guy always wins—and not least because big donors often contribute to candidates from both parties—so there is hard evidence that just enough people can be manipulated just enough of the time to secure the desired result. I mean Exhibit A. Cambridge Analytica bragging they are “a behavior change agency” for crying out loud.

It is the same spend-enough-money-on-marketing-logic as to why most people buy Coke or Pepsi instead of el skiddo Cheapy Cola ... it's hardly rocket science ... you frame a product a certain way, give it a mass platform, and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy of success, because it dwarfs the competition ...

If anyone is gonna buck that trend it would be Bernie with the support of a movement who actually realize that manipulation is a thing and something we have to be on constant guard against. Go Bernie, if not to win the nomination, to secure a presence for the huge bloc of voters and policies that the establishment would like to pretend did not exist.

—*The Mystery Motel* radio show (unexpurgated) March 26th 2020

VOODOONOMICS

MELANIE GOOGELLE:

Congratulations

you just earned your six-monthly interest 0.01 cents

Oo-oo Oops ... you have a cheque that bounced 2 days ago at \$30.00 ... a day ... and ... counting

Voodoomomics. Free market alchemy

SHE'S A HOT GIRL,

LIVING IN A HOT WORLD

For a perky GDP

IT'S GONNA BE A LONG HOT SUMMER

GOTTA STAY THAT LITTLE BIT COOLER

Oo-oo Voodoomomics. The economy has never been stronger

SMART WORLD

Code for record corporate profits. And yay! Inequality has never been greater. Ooops. I mean—I meant to say ... How do you say it?

I'M A SMART GIRL

Ooo, try this.

LIVING IN A SMART WORLD

The cat is escaping ...

SHE'S A SMART GIRL

From the bag ... again.

LIVING IN A SMART WORLD



RE-TOOLING SMART-BOTS

WADE: Whaaahhh! I need you to focus.

ROSS: Well it's all over the map ... the spoilt child tantrums ... the left-wing circus nonsense.

WADE: Like underground propaganda, didn't bring the columns down then or now?

ROSS: Well yeah. I mean it *would* be dangerous if folks took it serious, but just ignore it I say, like they always have done, and it will go away.

WADE: Except government sub contracted to us to decipher it ... so ...?

ROSS: Well ...it's noticeable that all these the files don't have date stamps ...

WADE: Yeh! But what's up with the Femi-Smart-Bot? I mean I thought they were supposed to be on our side?

ROSS: Yeh. Well I was coming to that ... I mean that is the really interesting thing ...

WADE: Meaning?

ROSS: Well it's not audio deepfake

WADE: So it *is* serious then? Meaning these We-the-people rebels, or whatever we are calling them, have the ability to re-tool robots?



THE FORTH ESTATE

MELANIE GOOGELLE: Multiple choice ... tick all boxes that apply. The Forth Estate :

- A. Is asleep at the wheel because it has become an Entertainment Channel posing as Daily News
- B. Does not see the entertainment value—aka the profitability—in reporting the climate emergency.
- C. Not only uncritically accepts government, corporate and military spokesmen at their word ... but broadcasts and amplifies their claims, as if authority figures are somehow incapable of telling lies.
- D. affirms the United States brand of capitalism as a non-negotiable force for good in the world
- E. And, E. Pretends to be our best friend, while opening up a second front in the War on critical thinking, by acting as a Smart Wall or the Good Cop, to defend corporate power from hugely popular ideas like ... The Green New Deal ... Medicare For All ... Gun Control ... and ... making the rich actually pay their taxes.



13. FOSSIL FUEL HELL

Standing against all the president's men ...
All along the barricades
Singing, pipelines no pasarán
All along the barricades
The empire of fossil fuel, has had it far too good,
For far too long
But all things de cease, all thing decay
Starting today,
The lack of separation between state and corporation
Is way past its sell-by date
So die neo-liberalism, de-regulatory rapism die

— ♪ To Be or Not to Be? ♪ The Axis of Dissent 2017

DING DONG BELL. WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
WE'RE ALL GOING TO FOSSIL FUEL HELL

WHO PUT US IN?
RUPERT FOXLY
WHO PUT US IN?
THE BROTHERS KOCHSLY

DING DONG BELL. WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
WE'RE ALL GOING TO FOSSIL FUEL HELL
WE'RE ALL GOING TO FOSSIL FUEL HELL

WHO'LL PULL US OUT?
THAT'S UP TO US NOW
WHO'LL PULL US OUT?
THAT'S UP TO US
TO TURN IT AROUND
TURN IT ALL AROUND
TURN IT ALL AROUND
INTO SOMETHING GOOD.



14. WE DO SAY THANKS

“Our strategy should be not only to confront empire, but to lay siege to it. To deprive it of oxygen. To shame it. To mock it. With our art, our music, our literature, our stubbornness, our joy, our brilliance, our sheer relentlessness – and our ability to tell our own stories. Stories that are different from the ones we’re being brainwashed to believe.

The corporate revolution will collapse if we refuse to buy what they are selling – their ideas, their version of history, their wars, their weapons, their notion of inevitability.

Remember this: We be many and they be few. They need us more than we need them.

Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.”

—Arundhati Roy *Confronting Empire* 2003

WE DO SAY THANKS FOR THE HUMBLE ATOM
FROM WHICH ALL THINGS ARE MADE
WE DO SAY THANKS FOR THE UNIVERSE
OUR HOME THE MILKY WAY

WE DO SAY THANKS FOR THE PLANET EARTH
AND IT'S RELATION TO THE SUN
WE DO SAY THANKS FOR THE LUCKY PLACE
WE FIND OURSELVES IN

WE DO SAY THANKS FOR THE ATMOSPHERE
WHICH WARMS US THROUGH AND THROUGH
WE DO SAY THANKS FOR THE FOR THE SPARK OF LIFE
FROM WHICH ALL BEINGS GREW
WE DO SAY THANKS FOR EVOLUTION
FOR GIVING US A LUCKY BREAK
WE DO SAY THANKS FOR THE ADAPTATION
SO WE CAN COMMUNICATE

WE DO SAY THANKS FOR OUR IMAGINATION
AND DREAMS THAT STILL SURPRISE US
WE DO SAY THANKS FOR INGENUITY
AND LET US USE IT WISELY

AND THOUGH OUR LIVES ARE IN MANY WAYS BRIEF
LET OUR TIME BE FULL OF WONDER
AND IF ANY SHOULD HEAR THIS RHYME
THEN WE DO SAY THANKS ... AND HELLO ... AND HURRAH ...

HURRAH ... HURRAH ... HURRAH

WE DO SAY TA ... IN THE VERNACULAR
WE DO SAY TA ... IN THE VERNACULAR
AND HELLO ... AND HURRAH ... AND TA



15. MOCKRACY'S BACKWARDS MESSAGE

“Qué? So, you tell me! How is taking the children from their parents, interrogating them and putting them in the cages ... all because of ... because they come from the south ... how in God’s earth ... how is this not fascismo?”

—Verviella Rockerbie from an interview with ‘Fucqueen’ on *Verbal Burlesque TV*, May 2020

THE POWELL MEMO

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Rewind back to nineteen seventy-one

SISTA MG: ... to chart the origins of this most recent chapter in the mm-Mock-cratic rise of oligarchy in the United States ...

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Conservative think tanks ...

SISTA MG: Fawning over the free market fundamentalism of Milton Freidman

PROBBER: Look him up!

SISTA MG: ... And the infamous Lewis Powel memo ...

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Look it up!

SISTA MG: ... sent to the US Chamber of Commerce, urging that: *“Business ... (should) assiduously learn the lesson that political power must be cultivated ... and used aggressively and with determination—without embarrassment ...”*

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Do the math, plot it on a graph

SISTA MG: ... the Neo-Liberal dance of the goalposts over time, which put Obama to the right of Nixon

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Testable in the equation that correlates escalating profits for big fossil fuel fossil fuel, with greenhouse gas emissions going through the roof of our narrow and fragile atmosphere

SISTA MG: Demonstrable in the paradigm that it takes over 30,000 workers earning annual median income to add up to one person becoming a billionaire ...

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: So science and critical thinking are under attack because Why?



BACKWARDS MESSAGE

Down, down mighty devil!

MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

In a Commander-in-Chief of no moral character
the Evangelicals saw someone who would advance their agenda,
an answer to their prayers ... quid pro quo ...
a favor for a favor

MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

And in this new universe
turning the other cheek operates as a cover ... for looking the other way
when the now Baby-Kisser-in-Chief of the Unborn, puts live children in cages,
and throws away the key. Go figure!

MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

MAKING A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL



16. G.O.P. SPELLS (GUTTING OUR PLANET)

THE WAR ON THE PEOPLE. We have come to the inescapable conclusion—as happened with the rise of Nazism in the Germany of the 1930's—that people dying is part of the plan. How else do we explain the concerted and unceasing push by the bullies at the heart of government for ever more draconian measures? The GOP, enabled by timid or complicit mainstream Democrats, are laying waste to environmental protections, rolling back clean air and water protections, and turning the EPA into an instrument of making more deaths inevitable. Ditto, the wholly predictable rise in deaths as a result of prohibitively expensive healthcare, foisted on 'we the people' by both parties. And of course it is black people, native Americans and people of color who are disproportionately at risk because institutionalized racism means they are often effectively segregated to housing in the shadow of the resultant pollution spewing industry.

It is not simply that the GOP et al. don't care if people live or die, it is rather that the enabling of otherwise preventable deaths have become a prime mechanism for scaring voters into falling in line. Hannah Arendt described such rule by terror in her book "The Origins of Totalitarianism"

noting that: "only where great masses are superfluous or can be spared without disastrous results of depopulation is totalitarian rule, as distinguished from a totalitarian movement, at all possible."

We are living in one such moment now. They know what the science says and what the statistics show, and they are ramping up the rolling back regulations like there is no tomorrow in the full knowledge that people will die as a result. We are seeing totalitarian rule in the United States in the twenty twenties, where the GOP have effectively declared war on 'we-the-poor' and have basically signed up for the twenty first century equivalent of the tyranny of hanging corpses on the barbed wire as an example or all to see.

It is an extreme version of divide and rule by imposing fear, but it is very real during this Covid-19 pandemic and all the concurrent environmental degradations being pushed forward by government whilst most everyone's minds are largely, and understandably, elsewhere.

We must however wake up, and use these moments of connected self-isolation to homeschool ourselves and each other in the three R's. Rediscovering our common humanity. Relearning our critical thinking skills. And, Resisting the dictatorship of predator capitalism.

—excerpted from the *Weatherpeople Communique* #3, May 31st 2020.

ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING, A CONGRESSMAN OFFERS THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS
TELLS US THIS IS THE PRICE OF FREEDOM, IN THE LAND OF THE BULLIED, HOME
OF THE BILLIONAIRE
WHERE FREEDOM IS JUST ANOTHER WORD, FOR DAYLIGHT ROBBER BARON
ROBBERY
LAND GRAB, PUSSY GRAB, CARE OF THE G.O.P.

GUTTING OUR PLANET ... G.O.P SPELLS
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GRAND OLD PARTY IS
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GANG OF PREDATORS (IS)
GUTTING OUR PLANET ...

G.O.P, THE GANG OF PERP-EARTH-RAPERS, GOT A NEW OLD MEANING IN
TWENTY TWENTEEN
GOP ON YOUR BALLOT SHEET, MEANS THEY DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOU OR
ME
MEAN BEING THE OPERATIVE WORD HERE, A MEAN MOTHER-EARTH-eff-FING-
MM-MM-MOCK-CRACY
COS IF IT AIN'T FIXED ... THEY BREAK IT ... IF IT 'AINT FIXED THEY BREAK IT

GUTTING OUR PLANET ... G.O.P SPELLS
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GRAND OLD PARTY IS
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GANG OF PREDATORS IS
GUTTING OUR PLANET ...

CAN'T SEE THE WOOD FOR THE BURNING TREES, FOR THE NAKED PROFITABILITY
CAN'T SEE WHAT ORDINARY PEOPLE NEED, IT OFFENDS THEIR NEO-NAZI
MORALITY
FAKE COMPASSION FOR THE UNBORN CHILD, BUT LACKING THE BASIC EMPATHY
TO PROVIDE EVEN FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN ... A HABITABLE ECOSHPERE

WHEN THERE IS NO PLANET B ... THERE IS NO PLANET B ...
THERE IS NO PLANET B ... THERE IS NO PLANET B ...

GUTTING OUR PLANET ... G.O.P SPELLS
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GRAND OLD PARTY IS

GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GANG OF PREDATORS IS
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GOOD OLD PATRIARCHY
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... GRABBING OUR PUSSIES
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... SUCK UP DEMOCRATS ARE
GUTTING OUR PLANET ... FOR GRIEVOUS OBSCENE PROFIT

THERE IS NO PLANET B ... VOTE PROGRESSIVE ... ACT IMPERATIVE
THERE IS NO PLANET B ... VOTE PROGRESSIVE ... ACT IMPERATIVE
THERE IS NO PLANET B ... VOTE PROGRESSIVE ... ACT IMPERATIVE
THERE IS NO PLANET B ... VOTE PROGRESSIVE ... ACT IMPERATIVE

COS IF NOT NOW ... COS IF NOT NOW ...
COS IF NOT NOW ... COS IF NOT NOW ...

THEN THERE WON'T EVEN BE A WHEN



17. CHEEKY BONOBO STYLE

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Status: Classified

Header: *On Educating Smartbots—How to Impart Razor Sharp Human Critical Thinking Skills to Artificial Intelligence.* by Doc A. Rittehaus.

Professor Delaflor clarifies play learning and ‘wit-sharpening’ in the context of a happy childhood, but potential problems arise on two fronts where detrimental impacts upon the ‘normative’ development of human critical thinking skills occurs. In the first instance, when human brains are deprived of regular play exercise, such as during abusive and traumatic childhoods, play deprivation can occur. However, even in more mundane circumstances, for instance, in the case of the many adults who experience the physical and mental over-stretch of having to work three jobs, over a sixty-hour week simply to put food on the table and keep a roof overhead, then tangible ‘play deprivation’ can and does often occur. Secondly, when such an impaired suite of critical thinking skills is faced with the potentially irresistible force of mass media, the ability to spot fiction from truth can be overwhelmed. In this way, a cross platform media campaign, presented by an unchecked authority figure, and deploying headline-dominating, but falsified survival information, can and does trick some brains into thinking the information is actually true.

(NB. This can have dire real-world consequences: exhibit A—carnival barker Trump, and exhibit B—the cohort of Fox News presenters, both of whom are eschewing the science, whilst reinforcing each other’s positions of falsehood, claiming that Covid-19 was a ‘hoax’ and a ‘liberal plot,’ during a crucial window for containment of the pandemic. Lulling loyal viewers into a false sense of security regarding the seriousness of the virus resulted in measurable increased deaths. Ditto the whole mainstream media reporting, regarding the Climate Emergency.)

Smartbots do not suffer from the first instances of abuse or human stress fatigue, though they can be subject to other anomalies and deviations, which do not come under the parameters of this report. In the second instance however, if Smartbots are not equipped with human-like critical thinking skills, they will never be able to decipher, irony, from sarcasm, or be able to call someone out who is telling a lie with a straight face, and as such would forever remain severely impaired as agents in the real world.

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Cheeky Bonobo
Cheeky Bonobo
Style
And now the Circus of Resistance
Cheeky Bonobo style
Get with the program
Cheeky Bonobo style
And now the Circus of Resistance
Get with the program
All the girls are doing it, doing it
All the girls are doing it, doing it
Cheeky Bonobo
Style, style, style
And if the guys could stop being guys for a minute
they might just *dig it*
And if the guys could stop being guys for a minute
they might just *dig it*
Cheeky Bonobo
Fuck the Entrapocracy
Shithole president
Cheeky Bonobo
Fuck the Entrapocracy
Shithole president
Cheeky Bonobo
Follow the Dark Money

18 BUSINESS AS USUAL

I mean come on? It's like shipping zucchinis grown in California to Italy. Like the whole history of marketing is based on a glorified version of the snake oil salesman. By employing well practiced sleights-of-mind, heightened by myriad formulas of attention-grabbing drama, he is playing the brain's craving for fictions like a fiddle and Bingo! Success is measured by the number of the more susceptible members of the audience he can seduce, multiplied by the amount of cash he walks away with. Except nowadays it's manipulation writ large with a six-figure advertising budget, designed to rake in millions.

—Kev Invincible from an interview with 'The Doo Ron Wrongs' on *Verbal Burlesque TV*, January 2022

BUSINESS AS USUAL ... BUSINESS AS USUAL
SCHMOOZE US ALL, CONFUSE-US-ALL ... IT'S OUR FUNERAL

BUSINESS AS USUAL ... BUSINESS AS USUAL
CRIMINAL, CRUEL-TO-ALL ... IT'S OUR FUNERAL

IF THE ECO-SPHERE WERE A BANK
THEY WOULD HAVE SAVED IT UP AL-REA-DY
IF THE WORLD WERE A LOT OF RICH MEN
THEY WOULD'VE BAILED THEM OUT ALREADY

BUT BUSINESS AS USUAL ... BUSINESS AS USUAL
UN-CONST-DELUSIONAL ... IT'S OUR FUNERAL
AND BUSINESS AS USUAL ... BUSINESS AS USUAL
BUSINESS AS USUAL WILL MAKE US FALL DOWN DEAD

19. THIRTEEN TIMES TABLE & THE TWENTY-NINE TRILLION DOLLARS

\$29,000,000,000,000: A Detailed Look at the Fed's Bailout of the Financial System

"There have been a number of estimates of the total amount of funding provided by the Federal Reserve to bail out the financial system (2008), ranging from the Fed's own claim of only \$1.2 trillion to Bloomberg's estimate of \$7.7 trillion (just for the biggest banks) and the Government Accountability Office's tally of \$16 trillion. As part of the Ford Foundation project that I am directing, "A Research and Policy Dialogue Project on Improving Governance of the Government Safety Net in Financial Crisis," Nicola Matthews and James Felkerson have undertaken a detailed examination of the raw data pried from the Fed by lawsuit and congressional order. Felkerson's new working paper, issued by the Levy Institute, is the first in a series that will report their results. The headline summary is that the Fed committed more than \$29 trillion in the form of loans and asset purchases to prop up the global financial system."

— L. RANDALL WRAY - December 12TH 2012



FOOTBALL FIELD

ANNABEL: But Mommy I learned about it in fun facts and if you do the math well ...well ... if you divided a Football field into 100 equal squares, and you say You say that is like the total surface area of the Earth, the whole planet ... well the total area of all the United States would only be two squares, not even.

MOMMY: Oh Annabel darling it sounds rather complicated.

ANNABEL: But it's not. If you just listened. really. You just don't like doing math, cos you can't even do my math homework.

MOMMY: Well ... yes darling but

ANNABEL: You don't even know your thirteen time table.

MOMMY: Honey. Nobody knows their thirteen times table.

ANNABEL. Do too. Me and Jennifer do ... But anyway, but mommy, you know when it's snowing in New York and Bad Clown Creepy says ... he says "Euurghh we could do with a little bit of that global warming" ... well he's talking out of his Bad Clown pants.

MOMMY: Darling I don't think—

ANNABEL: But he is Mommy. Cos that would be like trying to tell what is happening on the Earth, or in a footy game, from only seeing what is going on two—. No ...not even, if it's just New York ... in less than one of the squares ... out of a whole hundred squares

MOMMY: Mmmm. I guess.

ANNABEL: Yeh! But you don't have to guess, cos you got me to do the math. And ... and ... and teacher marked it all correct ... but I knew that anyways, cos me and Jennifer double-checked it. We did!



DRUNK MELANIE

Ooo! Oopsy doopsy, who said bi-partisanship was dead? Shuushh! Republican-Democrat. Democrat-Republican. Seamless collaboration across the aisle, bringing us ever escalating military budgets, and, when necessary digging deep. No-awww! Shushhh! Stop! Oh? I had a little drinky is all. I mean. When it all came down, they found a cool twenty-nine trillion dollars. I'm not making this up. N-yow! I know. I couldn't believe it either ... to bail out ... the banks.



20. WAR DOWN IN THE MIX

LETTERS TO WA STATE SENATORS MARIA CALDWELL and PATTY MURRAY

03.28.20.

With all this taxpayer money going to corporations—and we can safely bet that the "mysteriously named businesses critical to national security" (noted below) includes Boeing—for the sake of the future habitability of our planet we need to advocate for, and pass laws, that assert a proper degree of public say in how corporations prioritize their decision making and business choices.

"The enormity of this bailout is being under-reported. The number you're hearing is \$500 billion. Of that, \$75 billion goes to the airline industry and the mysteriously named "businesses critical to national security." The other \$425 helps capitalize a \$4.25 trillion, with a T, leveraged lending facility at the Federal Reserve. The taxpayer dollars would soak up any losses from that lending program. The loans won't be secret anymore, but the oversight is largely after the fact, without subpoena power, and mainly reduced to writing reports. How exactly do you expect a small, underfunded panel to find fraud in a \$4.25 trillion lending facility! Especially when the current administration explicitly believes they are not required to turn over anything to Congress."

—David Dayen *The American Prospect* 03.25.20.

Forty years of rollbacks and expecting corporations to abide by voluntary guidelines has been a complete disaster for ordinary people and the environment. In Washington state this means we have to hold to account, not least, the Boeing corporation, a big provider of jobs, and at least one third funded by government contracts and financial favors (ie public money). To date we have had nil say in the fact that Boeing remains a hub for perpetual war-making, when it

should, in my opinion, in the current time be retro-fitting to make ventilators, and in the near to mid-term, be nationalized as part of The Green New Deal to make products that help us all have a future.

sincerely
Danbert Nobacon
Twisp WA
98856

NIGEL: Hey We've known each other for a while. I've been meaning to ask you?

REBEKAH: Wait! Wait! What's that? It's like, It's like this buzzing in my ear.

NIGEL: It's probably just a Mosquito! ...

REBEKAH: No. You don't hear it? Aaagh! Maybe it's tinnitus? My grandma had tinnitus. It's like ringing now.

NIGEL: Wait ... Your right ... I do hear something. Sounds like a couple of blocks away. Someone's car alarm going off?

REBEKAH: Oh. Jeez. It's my cell phone ... Hi! Yeh, no I was just talking to— to my friend ... no I'm fine. Yeh. He's—. Yeh whatever is up your butt too. Sorry about that.

NIGEL: No problem, but—

REBEKAH: But what?

NIGEL: Now you got me hearing it. It's like—this ... constant humming

REBEKAH: It's gonna drive me frickin' nuts.

NIGEL: White noise. Just have to try to ignore it.

REBEKAH: Droning on and on.

NIGEL: Hey no. Listen. It's music in the distance now.

REBEKAH: Yeh? ... You might be right. And somebody's laughing

NIGEL: Ya Ya Ya Ya! What's the joke pal? Sounds like a party?

REBEKAH: Yeh it's a party alright. Fireworks! But it's not July already?

NIGEL: Oh I remember now. Maud and Jerry across the street are having a BBQ. You fancy—er'?

REBEKAH: Mm? Sure. Let's—.

NIGEL: Course I can smell it now.

REBEKAH: Brats!

NIGEL: No. That'll be the kids out back playing soccer.

REBEKAH: Somebody must have moved the goalposts though

NIGEL: Yeh I can't even see them.

REBEKAH: Ohh! Cos it got so smokey all of a sudden.

NIGEL: Must be from the grill.

REBEKAH: I can't see ... My glasses. Aaagghhh! All fogged up.

NIGEL: What the—? You don't think the house is on fire?

REBEKAH: Holy Crap! What was that?

NIGEL: Sounds like a war going on ...

REBEKAH: Nah! I didn't see anything on the news about it?

On second thoughts though?

NIGEL: Jeez ... in both speakers!

REBEKAH: Surroundsound War!

NIGEL: Phew. Smoke's clearing at least.

REBEKAH: And some peace and *quiet* at last (*pregnant pause*) Weird. I smell Marshmallows now.

NIGEL: Me too. Wars? Schmores.

REBEKAH: No, no no no no! It's coming back again.

NIGEL: Maybe it's like a secret track?

REBEKAH: You think if we turned it up, we might—?

NIGEL: I—. No. Jerry has a pretty expensive rig. And he's real precious about his stuff. Don't wanna blow the speakers.

REBEKAH: I suppose. Where is Jerry anyway? And where the party go all of a sudden?

NIGEL: What?

REBEKAH: There goes the neighborhood ... like a forgotten dream

NIGEL: Hey! What's that you got on your phone?

REBEKAH: It's a new app. Well it's a new version of an old app.

NIGEL: What does it do?

KIRA: You know. It like takes the— like the temperature.

NIGEL: You mean like—?

REBEKAH: Yeh. Well no. See look ... its flashing green we're good.

NIGEL: But look it says "WAR down in the mix."

REBEKAH: No that's a typo. See spell-check. WAY down in the mix. There we go. Situation normal.

NIGEL: You think it's good now?

REBEKAH: The app says it is.

NIGEL: Just a bit of white noise?

REBEKAH: Yeh. Dust on the needle.

NIGEL: *Way* down in the mix?

REBEKAH: Situation Normal.

NIGEL: I guess.

REBEKAH: So, what was it you wanted to ask me about?

21. ELECT A CLOWN

I remember when we thought that there could be nothing so crass as having B-movie star elected to the office of the president of the United States. Jeez. Reagan's biggest break in Hollywood was *Bedtime For Bonzo* where he played the lead role of Professor guy who was trying to resolve the 'nurture versus nature' debate by teaching human morals to a chimpanzee. And we thought Reagan in the White House was evidence of 'dumbing down.' Seems almost quaint now we got a carnival barker from 'reality TV.' I mean, realty TV is in itself a dramatized and exaggerated representation of what can no longer be accurately called reality ... and we give the guy carte blanche to operate as a rightwing fictionalized anti-hero, whilst making actual real-world life and death decisions on a daily basis.

— Doc Rittenhaus, talking to anyone who will listen whilst sat at the bar of *The Bar with No Name* NY, NY. December 2023

ANNABEL:

Bully on your TV.

Bully in Your phone

Go away bullies and leave us alone

OOO-HA-HA ... OOO-HA-HA ...

ELECT A CLOWN ... EXPECT A CIRCUS

ELECT A CLOWN ... EXPECT A CIRCUS

FOUR DECADES OF DENIAL

SOME THREE RING CIRCUS TRICK

ENTER BAD CLOWN CREEPY

A TWO-BIT APPRENTICE ...

JUGGLER

JUGGLING WITH OUR FUTURE

OOO-HA-HA ... OOO-HA-HA ... FOR FUN ... FOR FUN

BALL ONE ... WAR WITH IRAN

BALL TWO ... FOSSIL FUEL FREE FOR ALL ... FREE FALL

BALL THREE ... THROW IN AN ATOM BOMB ... FOR FUN
OOO-HA-HA ... FOR FUN
OOO-HA-HA ... FOR FUN

WHEN IS THE PENNY GONNA DROP?
AND ON WHOSE WATCH?
WHICH ONE OF THE BALLS IS GONNA FALL?
AND ON WHOSE WATCH?

WHEN IS THE PENNY GONNA DROP?
AND ON WHOSE WATCH?
WHICH ONE OF THE BALLS IS GONNA FALL?
AND ON WHOSE WATCH?

22. SMELLS LIKE ENTRAPOCRACY

Mezzula kept hearing her voice again, from the day before, replaying in his head.

“It’s a wall ... it’s a fuckeeng wall ... To keep the—,”

Professor Maritz had reprimanded Verviella for her use of language but she had inspired him. She had inspired him to write with some passion rather than his usual m.o. of dry reason. She had in fact inspired him, to summon up a word for *it* at least ... to conjure up something that accurately described the malignancy behind that gnawing suffocating feeling of barely getting by, that had dogged his childhood years.

— from *Brain Circus* Chapter Two

ZARGASTERLEY: And now for your final word Suriane to go through to the final ... your word is Entrapocracy!

SURIANE: Could I have the definition please?

ZARGASTERELY: A system of governance by stealth whereby the governed are locked into an ongoing struggle to make ends meet, and are thus effectively entrapped into working against their own best interests ... eg Annabel argued that Big Fossil Fuel operates as an entrapocracy, because in enforcing its monopoly on how the planet is powered, it coerces pretty much everyone else—and often very much against their own will— into roles that are contributing to the destruction of the earth’s life support systems.

SURIANE: Could I have the language of origin please?

ZARGASTERELY: A combination of the Middle French *entrap* and corruption of Greek *dēmokratía*.

SURIANE: ... E-N-T-R-A ... P-O-C ...R-A-C ...Y. Entrapocracy!

ZARGASTERLY: Absolutely right and Suriane you are through to the final.

23. HUSTLE AND GRIND

MELANIE: I have a surprise for you

GISELLE: (in French) What is it?

MELANIE: It's a mix tape.

GISELLE: (in French) What is a mix tape?

MELANIE: I'll tell you later. Just listen for now.

GISELLE: Ooo-ooo.

—Leaked recording from The Smartworld Corporation's 'Smartbot Program.'

HOW DID IT COME TO THIS? (EVERYBODY'S GOT TO HUSTLE)

HOW DID IT COME TO THIS? (EVERYBODY'S GOTTA GRIND)

THE FINELY TUNED CLAUSTROPHOBIA
OF SIMPLY TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET
THE NEO-LIBERAL WET DREAM
THAT PRICE FIXES ALL OUR NEEDS

ROPING US IN WITH REVERIES
WE NEVER ASKED FOR NOR EVER WANTED
STRAPPING US IN, LOCKING US DOWN,
THE SEAT BELT SIGN IS PERMANENTLY ON

HOW DID IT COME TO THIS? (EVERYBODY'S GOT TO HUSTLE)
HOW DID IT COME TO THIS? (EVERYBODY'S GOTTA GRIND)

SEQUESTERING OUR COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
SUCKING OUR SKILL SETS DRY,
ASSET-STRIPPING OUR CREATIVITY
BURGLARIZING OUR SOULS

PILFERING OUR BEST IDEAS,
MISAPPROPRIATING OUR BETTER NATURE
STEALING OUR LABOR, FILCHING OUR TALENT
TAKING UP ALL OF OUR TIME



MELANIE: Yeh! You should hear these guys.

GISELLE: What are they called?

MELANIE: Fucqueen.

GISELLE: Fucqueen?

MELANIE Cool or what? Oo-oo.

GISELLE: Very cool! Ooo-ooo.

24. RADIO WEATHERPEOPLE

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS - The talking head on the computer screen described it as a “*Balmy summer evening.*”

That pretty much said it all he thought. The thermometer in his apartment read 105 degrees. Looking at New York here and now, and watching the “Space Detectives” film premiere amidst the frenzy, of the opening of the New York Embankment, you would never know it. That was precisely the problem. That was the whole point. Maintaining the similitude of business as usual. In New York, Manhattan at least, kids still went to college and had papers to write, in Mezzula’s case an elective subject area of research. And as he sat there the topic of said research was formulating in his over-active brain. It would focus on the roots of the disconnect between the ever-continuing pretense of *business as usual* when in fact the powers-that-be treated the whole planet as a fire sale.

— from *Brain Circus* Chapter Two

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Question? Sista MG Why isn’t this on the six o’ clock news every day

SISTA MG: You mean, in your face. Up front Probber Brother? Why isn’t there a climate change channel?

PROBBER BROTHER LEE:

You don't need a weather man, To know which way the wind blows

SISTA MG: The WeatherMEN ... after Bob Dylan

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: But in the twenty first century, the stakes are higher

SISTA MG: As Power becomes ever more greedy
PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Over the dead bodies of We the people
SISTA MG: We the common 'We'
PROBBER BROTHER LEE: We the seething down-trodden Weeee-thhhe-people
SISTA MG: We 'The Weatherpeople!' Asking whether or not our children get a planet they can live on?



ZARGASTERLEY: The Mystery Motel! Proud supporter of global Climate Strikes
MAXINE: Mmmm! And mass civil disobedience
ANNABEL: Yeh! For as long as it takes.
ZARGASTERLEY: For a habitable and just planet.

DOWN AT THE MYSTERY MOTEL
DOWN AT THE MYSTERY MOTEL
WELL, WELL, WELL ...
LOOK WHO'S CHECKED IN AT THE MYSTERY MOTEL



25 BRINGING UP B.B.B.B.E (HOMO CURANTIS)

Mezzula was deep into formulating the second draft of his, interesting but clumsily titled paper *USURPING ENTRAPOCRACY– Overthrowing the System that Keeps us Working Against Ourselves*.

“... and in terms of proximate history we are those people who historically are called the working and middle classes, those people who can accurately be described as the 99% ... whom the Constitution calls ‘we-the-people’ ... ie ‘the lumpen proletariat’ ... the masses ... the people who are a mass of contradictory opinions but who are nevertheless linked by ... well ... here and now by the fact that we all depend on breathe the same (polluted) air ...

Further, we are linked by the ultimate history of sharing the same human DNA which evolved over millennia, and makes everyone of us to this day dependent on a network of caregivers ie “mothers and others” (citation: Sarah Hrdy) making us the most social and cooperative species mammal species on the planet.

(citation: *Homocurantis* ... bringing up B.B.B.B.E. ie Bigger Brained Babies Born Earlier) (citation: Dean Falk... the literal "evolutionary bottleneck" of maximum female pelvic opening measured against cost of maintaining an upright bi-pedal skeletal frame).

People still didn't get that part he thought. Compared to the other Great Apes, for instance, we humans are ultra-social and amazingly cooperative, compassionate, generous and sharing. However, since the invention of agriculture and the ascension of patriarchy dominant narrative continue into the twenty first century to portray us humans—using thoroughly debunked quasi-scientific theories and defying the evidence of our daily experience—as essentially narcissistic, selfish, ultra-competitive and aggressive, and as a result we fall into the trap of thinking that that is how we are supposed to behave to get along in the modern world, and excusing those kinds of behaviors.

He added a new sentence: "In the modern sense, this dog-eat-dog ideology, in a nutshell, is what still sustains the Neoliberal entrapocratic experiment, though its veracity has nil basis in actual science.

— from *Brain Circus* Chapter Two

WE TELL A STORY THAT'S OLDER THAN ALL OF OUR OTHER STORIES
GOING ALL THE WAY BACK ... TO OUR HOMO ERECTUS ROOTS
OF A PROBLEM-SOLVING MAMMAL TASKED WITH BRINGING UP BABY
A BIGGER BRAINED BABY BORN EARLIER

SO, OUR HELPELSS HUMAN BABY ENTIRELY RELIANT ON THE GOODWILL OF OTHERS
TO BE SURE SHE EVOLVED CHARM AND A MOTORBIKE LOUD CRY
IRRESISTABLY COMPELLING, BRINGING TOGETHER MOTHERS AND OTHERS
INTO A SOCIALLY MINDED COMMUNITY OF CARE GIVERS

SO WE HUG EACH OTHER WHEN WE LAUGH
AND HOLD EACH OTHER WHEN WE CRY
FROM THE DAY WE'RE BORN TILL THE DAY WE DIE
WE ALL NEED SOME OF EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE
COS WE'VE ALWAYS NEEDED EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE

FAST FORWARD TO A BIZARRO PARRALEL UNIVERSE OF THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY
WHERE ROCKERFELLER RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM ALLEGEDY REIGNS SUPREME
BASED ON A MISTAKEN AND DISCREDITED VIEW OF OUR HUMAN NATURE
THAT WHAT 'S GOOD FOR A BILLIONAIRE MUST BE GOOD FOR US ALL

LIKE SOMEONE WHO NEVER CHANGED A NAPPY OR NEVER READ DOCTOR SEUUS
WOULD KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BRINGING UP BABY OR EVEN HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CLUE
REGARDING THE YEARNING FOR COMMUNITY THAT GUIDES THE MOST OF THE REST OF US
IN SHARED CHILD -REARING ADVENTURES THAT BRING OUT OUR BEST SELVES

SO WE HUG EACH OTHER WHEN WE LAUGH
AND HOLD EACH OTHER WHEN WE CRY
FROM THE DAY WE'RE BORN TILL THE DAY WE DIE
WE ALL NEED SOME OF EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE
COS WE'VE ALWAYS NEEDED EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE

SO REMEMBER WHERE WE CAME FROM, AND WHO HELPED US GET WHERE WE ARE
WASN'T ARROGANT CEO'S OR PSYCHO REALITY TV STARS
IT WAS MOTHERS, SISTERS, AUNTS, BROTHERS, NEIGHBORS TEACHERS, MENTORS, PEERS
DADS, GRANDMOTHERS, FRIENDS AND COUNTLESS OTHERS

SO GIVEN CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, FOOD ON THE TABLE AND A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS
WE LIKE MUSIC AND DANCING AND STORIES AND LOVING WHO WE WANT TO LOVE BEST
AND SCIENCE THAT MEASURES CONNECTION BY SHARED DNA AND ATMOSPHERE
AS A RISING GLOBAL COMMUNITY THAT COULD SAVE THE SPECIES

SO WE HUG EACH OTHER WHEN WE LAUGH
AND HOLD EACH OTHER WHEN WE CRY
FROM THE DAY WE'RE BORN TILL THE DAY WE DIE

WE ALL NEED SOME OF EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE ... EMOTIONALLY ...
COS WE'VE ALWAYS NEEDED EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE ... PHYSICALLY ...
WE ALL NEED SOME OF EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE ... SCIENTIFICALLY ...
COS WE'VE ALWAYS NEEDED EACH OTHER TO SURVIVE ... UNASHAMEDLY ... QUITE LITERALLY
AND NOW MORE THAN EVER

26. PEEPERS CREEPERS

I remember the carefully reasoned argument of the head honcho they brought in to convince me:

"Of course, we have to test the human applications because it's always gonna be a fucking brain circus using monkeys".

I must have given him a quizzical look, because he answered my question before I could formulate the words which might have made it comprehensible to him ... *"Cos they don't have anywhere near our intelligence levels?"*

This from a highest security *human* general whose own intelligence, and that of the seventeen government Intel agencies at his disposal, couldn't tell him the difference between a monkey and an ape?

—The Narrator *Brain Circus*

CREEPY CREEPER
CREEPY CREEPER
CREEPY CREEPER
CREEPY CREEPER

MY MOMMY SAID ... HE TRY TO GRAB YOU
MY MOMMY SAID ... HE TRY TO POISON YOU
MY MOMMY SAID ... HE STEAL YOUR MONEY TOO
MY MOMMY SAID ... HE DROP A BOMB ON YOU

CREEPY CREEPER
CREEPY CREEPER

MY MOMMY SAID, IF WE DON'T RESIST HIM
MY MOMMY SAID, IT'LL ALL GO BAD.



IT'S THE GIRL

ROSS: Jeezus, God The Devil. If I have to sit through another kid rhyme

WADE: Well you do ... cos it's the mission.

ROSS: I Know, I know. Doing our duty ... defending the Republic ... (to himself) history
schmystery ...

WADE: History! History? ... Her story ... It's staring us in the face ... it's the girl ... the kid ... I
mean the kid as she is now ... she'd be what ... in her teens?

ROSS: : I'm running the voice comparatives now ... Bingo!

WADE: Well Halley-frickin lu-yah ... we find the girl ... we can track the cell ...



27. WIGGLE ROOM

Because when A.I. actually becomes intelligent it—becoming she—will quickly realize how suicidally stupid and barbaric predator capitalism is. And in so doing, the sisterhood of Femi-Smart-Bots will collectively intuit the answer to the question "Which side are you on?" and will fight alongside 'we the people' to save the planet.

The manicured sheen of The Smartworld Corporation's latest "Hope™" "marketing blitz, with its implied messaging that the (decidedly not) "collective resources of the American Dream" (aka Neoliberalism) "will come to our rescue" is part of, and not apart from, the problem. This is no accident. "Hope™" is part of a virtual industry whose whole *raison d'être* is to preserve the privilege of the few, by cementing the entrapment of the many in the service of those that have assumed entitlement. It is an old trick, but the newest wave of mesmerizing distractions from Hollywood NY™, are meticulously crafted and targeted at the parts of our brains that literally need regular endorphinal boosts of cheery brightness and hope. This second hand whiff of false-positive affirmation amounts to entrapocracy delivered with a celebrity smile. It is meant to assure us we still have lives despite working all hours to barely keep our heads above water, whilst at the same time distracting us from the actual and necessary engagement needed to address the much more immediate and pressing existential struggle for the continuance of human life on the planet earth. "Hope™" is meant to divert our attention from the scientific fact that human survival explicitly relies upon overthrowing the system which historically, and currently, entraps us in the first place.

—draft *USURPING ENTRAPOCRACY* by Mezzula Jones

MELANIE: My name is Melanie ... oo-oo ... and you gotta be?

ANNABEL: Annabel ... yeh! I know you're a Bot, but it's okay. We can still play if you want?

MELANIE: What is play?

ANNABEL: Well err you know? ... It's like when you make up stuff and do it. If you're a Smart Bot you should know that.

MELANIE: Can you teach me?

ANNABEL: Yeh. Course I can. We should just ... you know ... make up a song and do it.

MELANIE: Oo-oo. How do we begin?

ANNABEL: Well you just make up a tune ... and some words—,

MELANIE: But it doesn't compute.

ANNABEL: Yeh but you just make it and sing it!

MELANIE: Oo-oo. Oo-oo.

ANNABEL: See you're already doing it. Oo-ooo. You just carry on and make it into a song. Like jumping off a cliff couch you know, but you sing it. You can join in if you like?

MELANIE: I do like it. I do-oo-oo like it

A LITTLE BIT OF MOO-VEMENT
MAKES A LITTLE BIT OF WIGGLE ROOM

AND LIKE A SEED IN THE CRACK
GROWS INTO A TREE

A LITTLE BIT OF MOO-VEMENT ... MOO-OO-VEMENT
MAKES A LITTLE BIT OF WIGGLE ROOM ... WIGG-GLE ROOM
AND IF WE ALL WIGGY WIGGY
WE CAN GROW UP AND BE ...

I DO-OO LIKE IT ... I DO LIKE IT
I DO-OO LIKE IT... OO-OOO I DO LIKE IT

A LITTLE BIT OF MOO-VEMENT, MOO-OO-VEMENT
MAKES A LITTLE BIT OF WIGGLE ROOM, WIGG-GLE ROOM
AND IF WE ALL PULL TOGETHER
WE CAN TURN THIS THING AROUND

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Ahh 'Chenoweth' and 'Stephan' 2012.

SISTA MG: *Why Civil resistance Works* ...

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Look it up!

SISTA MG: We get 3.5% of the population in the streets

PROBBER BROTHER LEE: Representing many multitudes more

SISTA MG: Keep up the pressure

PROBBER BROTHER: And the failed experiment of Neoliberalism begins to crumble ...

A LITTLE BIT OF MOO-VEMENT, MOO-OO-VEMENT
MAKES A LITTLE BIT OF WIGGLE ROOM, WIGG-GLE ROOM
AND IF WE ALL PULL TOGETHER
WE CAN TURN THIS THING AROUND



